Stagnation of water in Muriyad Kayal.

187. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaint about the difficulties for cultivation by the stagnation of water in Muriyad Kayal;

(2) whether they have made any enquiries into the matter; if so, with what result and what steps have been taken?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

(2) Necessary enquiries were made into the matter and orders were issued to drain away the excess water by installing engine and by cutting open the Karuvannur and Illikal chira bunds.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When did the Government receive these complaints?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Government were receiving these complaints very often from the beginning of Dhanu.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When were these bunds opened?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The bunds were opened on two occasions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many days after the receipt of the complaints that the bunds were opened?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—For the first time the bunds were opened two days after the complaints were received and on the second occasion they were opened after about a week.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Were the bunds opened to the very foundations?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Sir, I did'nt exactly catch the question. The bunds are all temporary ones.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Were they opened up to the foundations? That is the question.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, and even deeper.

Vellarappilli Group Panchayat.

188. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number and dates of meetings ordinary and extraordinary held by the Vellarapilli Group Panchayat in 1108;

(2) were some of the members absent continuously for more than three meetings;

(3) if so, the names of such members and the number of meetings they were absent in 1108;

(4) did the Panchayat pass any resolutions regarding the absence of the members;

(5) if so, will copies of the resolutions be placed on the table of the House;

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(6) what action was taken by the Registrar regarding the absentee members ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Special meetings 2 (held on 19th Vrischigam 1108 and 30th Dhanu 1108), Ordinary meetings 13 (held on 27th Kanni 1108, 7th Thulam 1108, 21st Thulam 1108, 28th Thulam 1108, 11th Dhanu 1108, 16th Makaram 1108, 4th Kumbham 1108, 8th Kumbham 1108, 20th Kumbham 1108, 27th Meenam 1108, 8th Edavam 1108, 11th Mithunam 1108 and 8th Karkadagam 1108.)

(2) Yes.

(3) Mr. Pudusseri Kunjicheria Joseph—7 meetings.

(4) Yes.

(5) A copy of the resolution is appended. (*Appendix II*).

(6) The President was asked to persuade the members to attend meetings regularly since they absented themselves after adducing sufficient reason for the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(6) How did the Registrar know that the member absented himself with reasonable cause during all these 7 meetings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was a communication from the President to the effect that the member was undergoing prolonged medical treatment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For how many months?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—He was undergoing *Pizhichal* and *Dhara* for three or four months and preliminary to that treatment he was suffering from sickness.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how did this resolution about him come in?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Panchayat had to bring the fact to my notice in the absence of the member and for that purpose a resolution was passed and communicated to me.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the member absent himself throughout the year?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No, not throughout the year. He was absent for 7 out of the 13 meetings of the year.

189. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) the name of the President of the Vellarapilli Panchayat;

(2) is it the practice of the President to pass Panchayat accounts in consultation with the members;

(3) has the Registrar of Panchayats received complaints from some members regarding the unsatisfactory way in which accounts are passed;

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Mr. M.P. Cherian.—(a) and (b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to question No. 202.

License fees—country boats.

204. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish (a) a statement showing the scale of annual license fees, graduated according to size, for country boats plying in the rivers and backwaters of the State;

(b) what is the minimum size of such boats that require a license?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The annual license fee is Re. 1 per ton.

(b) One ton capacity.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 186.)

Vaidyans of Panchayat Vaidyasalas

Serial No.	Name of Vaidyan	No. of years of service	Serial No.	Name of Vaidyan	No. of years of service
1	V. Komappan Nayar	14 years	10	C. Sankarankutti Warriar	9 years
2	G. K. Kurup	do	11	K. Parameswaran Nambiyar	do
3	V. K. Kunjan Menon	do	12	M. R. Raman	6 years
4	K. P. Vasudevan Nambiyar	12 years	13	P Krishnan Nambudiri	5 years
5	V. Krishna Menon	11 years	14	P. Sreekandhan	do
6	V. Easwara Warriar	do	15	A. K. Kunjunni Raja	4 years
7	K. Madhava Menon	do	16	K. N. Kutty	1 year
8	C. T. Raman Menon	do	17	E. Kuttan Menon (on long leave)	11 years
9	C. Kesava Menon	10 years	18	A. P. Visalakshi Amma	1 year

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 188).

Copy of Resolution passed by the Vellarappilli Panchayat.

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ളിലും ഹാജരായിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ, പഞ്ചായത്തു നിയമം 89-ാം വകുപ്പുപ്രകാരം ഈ വിവരത്തിനു രജിസ്ട്രാർ അവർകൾക്കു റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണെന്നു തീരുമാനിച്ചു.

(True copy).

APPENDIX III.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 197*).

Copy of petition dated 24th August 1932, from E. M. Kuriath, Tobacco contractor, Vellarappilli.—

"The quantity of tobacco now allowed to the shops of Vellarappilli range is quite inadequate considering the population of the place and the requirements of the locality.

The Government used to sanction an increase in the quantity of salt and tobacco allowed to each range after the Census figures are published proportionate to the increase in the population of each range. This was done after last Census operations were over.

But this time, even though the population of Vellarappilli has increased considerably the department was pleased, I am told, to recommend an enhancement only in the quantity of salt supplied and not in that of tobacco. The Government has accordingly sanctioned an increase in the quantity of salt alone. I was under the impression that, as usual, an increase in the quantity of tobacco also would be recommended for and sanctioned.

The present supply of tobacco is absolutely insufficient and my shops are really suffering for want of tobacco to meet the requirement of the people over there. As such I am put to great loss also.

An increase, in proportion to the increase in the population of the place in the quantity of tobacco allowed to Vellarappilli may, therefore, be sanctioned just as it was done in the case of salt, for which act of kindness I shall be very thankful and the people of the locality will ever feel grateful."

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